

Example 3

Smoking's Health Toll and Price Tag

(fifth grade)

Although smoking may seem cool, it is very unhealthy and expensive. Many people die from smoking related problems such as cancer, heart disease etc. every year. According to *World Book Encyclopedia* during the mid- 1980s smoking contributed to 30 percent of all deaths from cancer and heart disease in the United States of America. Furthermore, cigarette smoking was associated with 85 percent of all cases of lung cancer. Secondly, smoking is very expensive. If someone smoked one pack of cigarettes every day that cost \$3.00 for 50 years, it would cost them \$54,750.00 which is enough money to buy an expensive and luxurious car. On the contrary, if someone put \$3.00 a day into a bank or investment institution, they would be making hundreds of dollars in only a few years just because of the interest they are collecting. Clearly, smoking is very unhealthy and very expensive too, so don't start smoking until you have considered all of the negative effects!

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